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In re Application of : Group Art Unit: 2879
Alok Mani Srivastava, et al. : Examiner: Christopher M. Raabe
Serial No. 10/768,792 :
Filed: February 2, 2004 :

For: PHOSPHORS CONTAINING PHOSPHATE
AND/OR BORATE OF METALS OF GROUP IIIA,
GROUP IVA, AND LANTHANIDE SERIES, AND
LIGHT SOURCES INCORPORATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent Office on April 4, 2006. The Examiner identifies: Group I, Claims 26-35, drawn to a method for making a phosphor, classified in class 428, subclass 917. Group II, Claims 1-25, 36-43, drawn to a phosphor, classified in class 313, subclass 486.

Examiner requires restriction between Groups I and Group II.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II, without traverse, Claims 1-25, 36-43, drawn to a phosphor, classified in class 313, subclass 486.

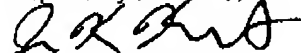
Additionally, the Examiner has requested the election of a species. Applicants hereby elect the phosphor having a formula $(La_{1-x-y-z}Tb_xCe_yGd_z)(P_{1-q}B_q)O_4$ (to which claims 1-6, 18-23, 36-39, 41 are limited).

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Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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